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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)
Carpenter et al.

Examiner
Vanaman

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Vanaman

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(2) Neil Ferraro

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Date of Interview Feb 5, 2003

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 97, other claims in general

Identification of prior art discussed:

None

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant has suggested an amendment to claim 97 to overcome the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph.
Applicant has additionally argued that the combinations relied upon under 35 USC § 103 to reject claims are not proper,
as the ratcheting connectors in the modifying reference to Breuer would render the base reference to Hansen et al.
inoperative for one of its stated purposes (e.g., the continuously adjustable nature of the Hansen binding) and additionally
the provision of toothed belts and buckles is specifically taught by Hansen as being non-desirable. Applicant has made a
similar argument with respect to the further combination adding the reference to Andre.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

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Examiner's signature, if required